

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Watanabe nor Canning, whether taken singly or together, teaches or suggests the presently claimed invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Rejoinder

Non-elected claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 23 are directed to a method of making the semiconductor device of claim 8, and include all of the limitations of claim 8. Thus, upon allowance of claim 8, the non-elected claims should be rejoined with the application and allowed along with claim 8.

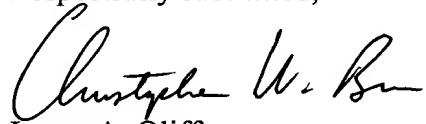
Therefore, upon allowance of claim 8, rejoinder of presently non-elected claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 23 is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11, 12, 14-16 and 21-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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